

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-34 (canceled)

35. (previously presented) An apparatus for installing building materials comprising:

a first surface comprising a fastener, the first surface attached to a resting surface, wherein the resting surface is not in the same plane as the first surface;

at least one guide surface continuous with the resting surface and extending away from a plane of the resting surface; and

at least one target surface continuous with the guide surface and extending away from a plane of the resting surface.

36. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 35 wherein the fastener is spaced apart from the resting surface.

37. (canceled)

38. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 36 wherein the fastener is a fastener opening in the first surface in combination with a fastening component.

39. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 36 wherein the fastener is a clamp adaptor and clamp.

40. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 36 further comprising a second resting surface.

41. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 71 further comprising at least one second guide surface continuous with the second resting surface and extending away from a plane of the second resting surface.

42. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 41 further comprising a second target surface continuous with the second guide surface and extending away from a plane of the second resting surface.

43. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 36 wherein the fastener is a clamp.

44. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 43 wherein the clamp is selected from the group consisting of c-clamps, pony clamps, Jorgensen clamps, EZ hold clamps, bar clamps, power press clamps, cabinet clamps, euro claw clamps, deep reach bar clamps, k-body clamps, hand clamps, ratchet clamps, quick grip bar clamps, vice grip clamps, and combinations thereof.

45. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 44 wherein the clamp has at least one means for penetrating into a support structure to enhance securing the apparatus in place.

46. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 43 wherein the clamp is an integral part of the apparatus.

47. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 35 wherein the apparatus for installing building material further comprises an anti-rotational feature.

48. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 35 further comprising a positioning feature.

49. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 36 further comprising at least one material thickness spacer.

50. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 36 further comprising at least one adjustable support surface.

51. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 35 wherein the apparatus for installing building material is made from a material selected from the group consisting of wood, metal, plastic, and combinations thereof.

52. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 35 further comprising an adjustable tee support.

53. (previously presented) A method for installing building material comprising:

positioning at least one apparatus for installing building materials;

attaching the apparatus to an existing structure by means of a removable fastener associated with a first surface of the apparatus;

positioning the building material on a target surface and moving the building material to a resting surface;

positioning the building material to a desired location and temporarily securing the building material; and

permanently securing the building material to the existing structure,

wherein the apparatus comprises, the first surface attached to the resting surface, at least one guide surface continuous with the resting surface and extending away from a plane of the resting surface, and the target surface being continuous with the guide surface extending away from the plane of the resting surface.

54. (previously presented) The method of claim 53 wherein the apparatus further comprises a fastener spaced apart from the resting surface.

55. (previously presented) The method of claim 54 wherein the apparatus further comprises at least one guide surface continuous with the resting surface and extending away from the plane of the resting surface, wherein the building material is contacted with the target surface in a vertical or near vertical position, moved to the guide surface, and moved to the resting surface.

56. (previously presented) The method of claim 54 wherein the fastener is a fastener opening in the first surface in combination with a fastening component effective for securing the apparatus to the existing structure.

57. (previously presented) The method of claim 54 wherein the fastener is a clamp adaptor and clamp.

58. (previously presented) The method of claim 54 further comprising a second resting surface.

59. (previously presented) The method of claim ~~54~~ 58 further comprising at least one guide surface continuous with the second resting surface and extending away from a plane of the second resting surface.

60. (previously presented) The method of claim 59 further comprising a second target surface continuous with the guide surface and extending away from a plane of the second resting surface.

61. (previously presented) The method of claim 54 wherein the fastener is a clamp.

62. (previously presented) The method of claim 61 wherein the clamp is selected from the group consisting of c-clamps, pony clamps, Jorgensen clamps, EZ hold clamps, bar clamps, power press clamps, cabinet clamps, euro claw clamps, deep reach bar clamps, k-body clamps, hand clamps, ratchet clamps, quick grip bar clamps, vice grip clamps, and combinations thereof.

63. (previously presented) The method of claim 62 wherein the clamp has at least one means for penetrating into a support structure to enhance securing the apparatus in place.

64. (currently amended) The ~~apparatus~~ method of claim 61 wherein the clamp is an integral part of the apparatus.

65. (previously presented) The method of claim 53 wherein the apparatus for installing building material further comprises an anti-rotational feature.

66. (previously presented) The method of claim 53 wherein the apparatus further comprises a positioning feature.

67. (previously presented) The method of claim 54 wherein the apparatus further comprises at least one material thickness spacer.

68. (previously presented) The method of claim 54 wherein the apparatus further comprises at least one adjustable support surface.

69. (previously presented) The method of claim 54 wherein the apparatus for installing building material is made from a material selected from the group consisting of wood, metal, plastic, and combinations thereof.

70. (previously presented) The method of claim 54 wherein the apparatus further comprises an adjustable tee support.

71. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 40 wherein the second resting surface is parallel or nearly parallel to the target surface.

72. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 43 wherein the second resting surface is parallel or nearly parallel to the target surface.

73. (previously presented) An apparatus for installing building materials comprising:

a first surface comprising a fastener, the first surface attached to a resting surface;

at least one guide surface continuous with the resting surface and extending away from a plane of the resting surface;
and

at least one target surface continuous with the guide surface and extending away from a plane of the resting surface.

74. (new) An apparatus for installing building materials comprising:

a first surface comprising a fastener, the first surface attached to a resting surface and a second resting surface, wherein the resting surface and second resting surface are not in the same plane as the first surface,

a guide surface continuous with the resting surface and extending away from a plane of the resting surface and a second guide surface continuous with the second resting surface and extending away from the plane of the second resting surface; and

a target surface continuous with the guide surface and extending away from a plane of the resting surface and a second target surface continuous with the second guide surface and extending away from the plane of the second resting surface

wherein the second resting surface is parallel or nearly parallel to the target surface.

75. (new) The apparatus of claim 74 wherein the fastener is spaced apart from the resting surface.

76. (new) The apparatus of claim 75 wherein the fastener is a fastener opening in the first surface in combination with a fastening component.

77. (new) The apparatus of claim 74 wherein the fastener is a clamp adaptor and clamp.

78. (new) The apparatus of claim 74 wherein the fastener is a clamp.

79. (new) The apparatus of claim 78 wherein the clamp is selected from the group consisting of c-clamps, pony clamps, Jorgensen clamps, EZ hold clamps, bar clamps, power press clamps, cabinet clamps, euro claw clamps, deep reach bar clamps, k-body clamps, hand clamps, ratchet clamps, quick grip bar clamps, vice grip clamps, and combinations thereof.

80. (new) The apparatus of claim 79 wherein the clamp has at least one means for penetrating into a support structure to

enhance securing the apparatus in place.

81. (new) The apparatus of claim 78 wherein the clamp is an integral part of the apparatus.

82. (new) The apparatus of claim 74 wherein the apparatus for installing building material further comprises an anti-rotational feature.

83. (new) The apparatus of claim 74 further comprising a positioning feature.

84. (new) The apparatus of claim 74 further comprising at least one material thickness spacer.

85. (new) The apparatus of claim 75 further comprising at least one adjustable support surface.

86. (new) The apparatus of claim 74 wherein the apparatus for installing building material is made from a material selected from the group consisting of wood, metal, plastic, and combinations thereof.